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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a small business owner, I understand firsthand that I need to be wise with the vendors I utilize to ensure that I can properly server my patrons. When I see a proposal that not only provides an alternative to a current service I pay for, but also is based upon a business model that is intended to lower prices, I can start to see real opportunity to further my business.

LightSquared has submitted a modified application to begin building out its nationwide broadband network, which provides a service to many underserved areas in the United States, but also provides current businesses a potential cost effective alternative. When a business puts forth a plan like LightSquared, we need to do whatever we can to help cultivate that opportunity for small businesses.

My business relies upon broadband access for numerous business functions. Even the ability to communicate and operate the Lottery machine that we operate on behalf of the state requires access to the internet! Add in that broadband access is necessary to download music for the jukebox, place order with vendors and download new opportunities on our entertainment systems, broadband access is critical.

When deciding whether to approve LightSquared's application, I ask that you keep in mind the needs of not only LightSquared and multi-million dollar broadband companies, but those of small businesses that absolutely need access.

Sincerely,

Richard Allen, Proprietor

cc: Sherrod Brown, United States Senate
Rob Portman, United States Senate
John Boehner, Speaker, United States House of Representatives
Bob Latta, United States House of Representatives
Steve Stivers, United States House of Representatives